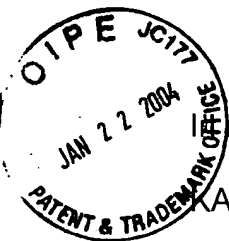


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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated September 22, 2003, the time period for responding being extended for one month from December 22, 2003 to January 22, 2004 by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows: